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E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, MILI, KE, UG
SUBJ: GOK DEFENSE OFFICIAL ON CURRENT KENYA/UGANDA TENSIONS

1. IN COURSE OF JULY 19 CALL AT KENYA DEFENSE MINISTRY, PERMSEC KIEREINI TOLD DCM THAT REPORTED ANNOUNCEMENT BY LIBYAN RADIO THAT AN UNSPECIFIED NUMBER OF JET FIGHTERS HAD BEEN DELIVERED TO UGANDA TO REPLACE MIG'S DESTROYED AT ENTEBEE AIRPORT DURING ISRAELI RESCUE MISSION HAD FURTHER CONVINCED GOK THAT LIBYAN AIRCRAFT ARE INDEED THERE, PROBABLY CONCEALED IN UNDERGOUND HANGERS AT NAKASONGOLA. HE ADMITTED, HOWEVER, THAT GOK HAS NO NEW "HARD" INTELLIGENCE TO CONFIRM PRESENCE THESE MIRAGES. HE EXPRESSED BELIEF, HOWEVER, THAT UGANDAN RADIO CLAIMS OVER WEEKEND RE UGANDA'S ABILITY TO BOMB NAKURU (WHERE KENYATTA CURRENTLY RESIDES) AND EVEN MOMBASA ON COAST REFLECTED PRESENCE OF LIBYAN MIRAGES.

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2. KIEREINI SAID THAT KENYA ARMED FORCES STILL ON FULL

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ALERT. WHILE THERE HAD BEEN SOME REDEPLOYMENT OF UGANDAN TROOPS ON BORDERS WHICH INITIALLY LOOKED LIKE WITHDRAWALS, IT HAD TURNED OUT THAT THESE REDEPLOYMENTS CONSISTED ONLY OF SWITCHES OF VARIOUS MILITARY UNITS WHITHIN BORDER AREA.

3. HE SAID THAT GOK HAD RECENTLY PLACED MAJOR RESTRICTIONS ON SHIPMENT OF JET AVIATION FUEL TO UGANDA. NEVERTHELESS, GOK REMAINS UNCERTAIN HOW MUCH JET AVIATION FUEL UGANDA MAY HAVE STOCK-PILED EARLIER; THEREFORE, IT IS ASSUMING THAT THERE IS ENOUGH AVIATION FUEL IN UGANDA TO SUPPORT SOME HOSITILE ACTIVITY AGAINST KENYA BY UGANDAN OR LIBYAN MILITARY AIRCRAFT.
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